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TAGS: MARR, FR, US

SUBJECT: MOU ON DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH FRANCE

REF: PARIS 15628

FOR US NATO: PLEASE PASS TO SECDEF PARTY FOR MR. SIENA  
AND MAJ GEN BOWMAN.

1. REQUISITE COMPARISON OF PRESENT FRENCH AND ENGLISH  
TEXTS OF MOU HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
2. ON CLASSIFICATION: WE WOULD HAVE SIXTY DAYS TO REPORT  
AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS UNDER THE CASE ACT. IF FRENCH, AS  
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IMPLIED IN REFTTEL, CAN SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR TO DECLASSIFI-  
CATION OF MOU IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, THIS WOULD GREATLY  
SIMPLIFY MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION THAT WILL ACCOMPANY  
TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION COPIES OF MOUS TO CONGRESS.

3. FOR MR. SIENA AND GEN. BOWMAN: DURING COURSE OF  
FINAL READ-THROUGH OF PROPOSED MOU TEXT, WE NOTE THAT

IN ELIMINATING PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO THE IEPG, AS FRENCH REQUESTED, THE ENTIRE SENTENCE ON COOPERATION HAS FALLEN OUT. WE ASSUME THIS IS MERELY AN OVERSIGHT SINCE SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE FRENCH ONLY INDICATED AVERSION TO

IEPG WORDING. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT YOU SEEK TO REINSERT BALANCE OF LAST-AGREED PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS:

"THIS MEMORANDUM FITS INTO THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF ARMAMENTS COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES."

FYI. WHILE STAGE AND LEVEL OF NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT MAY MAKE SUCH A CHANGE DIFFICULT, WE FEEL QUITE STRONGLY THAT THIS LANGUAGE WHICH IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER HAS BEEN IN EVERY VERSION FROM THE OUTSET, SHOULD BE RETAINED. OTHERWISE, THERE REMAINS NO EUROPEAN OR MULTINATIONAL COOPERATIVE FLAVOR WHATSOEVER WHICH, AFTER ALL, HAS BEEN AT LEAST PART OF OUR INTEREST IN THESE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ALL ALONG. FURTHER, A PURELY BILATERAL ARMS AGREEMENT WITH NO SENSE OF COOPERATION OR IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO STANDARD OR INTEROPERABLE SYSTEMS MAY NOT SET WELL WITH CONGRESS. END FYI.

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